

Sunday, January 17, 2010
Second Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 2
Holy Communion

Worship Assistants

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1–5

A reading from _____.

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.\

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 36:5–10

Refrain: We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches ^l to the heavens,
and your faithfulness ^l to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like ^l the great deep;**

you save humankind and animals, O LORD. R
⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
**⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
**¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

A reading from _____.

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 2:1–11

The holy gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into

the world.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit through baptism, let us come before the throne of God to offer prayers for the needs of the church and world.

We pray for the church, that it would be like a burning torch bearing the light of Christ, so that the world may see and be drawn to you. God of light,
show us your glory and hear us.

We pray for the land, that it would be given proper care and protection and may bring forth fruit and grain in abundance, so that all may eat and be satisfied. God of light,
show us your glory and hear us.

We pray for our national and local leaders (*especially the head of state, regional governor, local mayor/township supervisor, other names*), that you would give them wisdom and courage to work for the good of all society. God of light,
show us your glory and hear us.

We pray for those in need: the chronically ill, those suffering from despair or loneliness, those grieving the death of a loved one, and the sick (*especially*), that they may take refuge in the shadow of your wings and there find peace and healing. God of light,
show us your glory and hear us.

We pray for our congregation, that we may recognize in each other the variety of gifts given by

the Holy Spirit and may use those gifts for the common good of our congregation and our community. God of light,
show us your glory and hear us.

We pray in thanksgiving for the faithful who have died in you: keep us in communion with them until we all feast together in the abundance of your house and drink from the river of your delights in perfect union with you. God of light,
show us your glory and hear us.

God of faithfulness, through the revelation of your Son we stand before you without fear and lift up to you all in need. In Jesus' name hear and answer our prayers according to your steadfast love.
Amen.

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